

After much anticipation and media fanfare, the long-awaited cicadas have emerged from their 17-year slumber. This week, forest preserve officials at Ryerson Woods in Lake County announced the mass arrival of the insects. According to [reports](#), Ryerson Woods could have as many as a million cicadas per acre.

If you've spotted a cicada, you can log on to the Chicago Tribune's tracking map [here](#). The Lake County Forest Preserve also has created a [Web site](#) with more information on cicadas, including a schedule of the "CicadaMobile," a public education vehicle where children can try on a cicada suit, learn about cicadas throughout the world and even make cicada noises.



A cicada emerges from its exoskeleton